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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9, 12, 16, 17, 20 and 21 remain in this application with claims 1, 12 and 16 being independent claims.

In the outstanding official action, claims 11, 13 and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Regarding claim 11, Applicants have amended claim 1 to substantially include the limitations of claim 11 and all intervening claims. Regarding claim 13, Applicants have amended claim 12 to substantially include the limitations of claim 13. Regarding claim 19, Applicants have amended claim 16 to substantially include the limitations of claim 19 and all intervening claims. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of independent claims 1, 12 and 19 be withdrawn.

Regarding claims 2-9, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

Regarding claims 17, 20 and 21, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 16, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 16, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

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It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims as set forth in the Office Action, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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